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April 25, 2007

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance convened on April 25, 2007, with Chairman Maryann Heuston presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Bruce Desmond, Walter Pero and Dennis Sullivan also present and voting. Also present were Alderman William White, Assessor Richard Brescia, Police Chief Robert Bradley, Personnel Director Richard Tranfaglia, Finance Director Ed Bean, Greg Jenkins from the Arts Council, Arne Franzen and Mark Friedman from SPCD.

Representatives from SPCD, the Police Department, the Arts Council and the Treasurer's Office explained their requests for approval to expend grants awarded to the city. Mr. Franzen explained that the contract with Boston Sign Company needed to be extended so that the remaining issues with the signage at Conway Park East could be completed and the contract closed out. Alderman Pero requested that SPCD provide the committee with a copy of the report that had been done by an independent contractor regarding the signs at the park.

Mr. Brescia informed the members that the figures for FY-08 projected new growth would best be presented during the classification hearing in October or November. Providing a figure at this time would be misleading. The assessing department is currently working on the 500 new condos that have hit the market this year. Mr. Brescia assured the members that a conservative estimate of new growth would be provided during the budget process.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 8 items:

182903: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to transfer \$22,000 from the Police PS Salaries Acct. to the Police OM Training Acct.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - in favor

182904: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to use \$361.68 in FY07 available funds to adjust the annual salary of the Administrative Aide in the Mayor's Office from \$45,290.44 to \$47,000.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - in favor

182906: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to expend a \$3,972,608 grant from HUD to SPCD as the final award for the 2007-2008 1 Year Action

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - in favor

182907: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to expend a \$22,900 grant from the MA Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board, for the Police's Enhanced 911 services.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - in favor

182909: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2006-13 at Sec. 3 by inserting the words "Library Director" under the category "Executive Grade Level II."

RECOMMENDATION: Should be returned to the Mayor for confirmation of Grade Level

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - in favor

182992: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to expend a \$6,000 grant from the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund for the Arts Council's Mystic River Mural Project in FY08.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - in favor

182993: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to expend a \$2,100 grant from the Bedford Stem Cell Research Foundation to fund the city's participation in the 2007 International Convention.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - in favor

182994: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to extend Contract #01-003, Boston Sign Co., to August 31, 2008, to complete work on signage at Conway Park East.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - in favor

COMMITTEE REPORT

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